My Allah Series

Allah Listens to Everyone

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Dedication

This book is dedicated to the beloved Imām of our time (ʿaj). May Allah (swt) hasten his reappearance and help us to become his true companions.

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Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ): On the Day of Resurrection, the ink of the scholars will be weighed up against the blood of the martyrs, and the ink of the scholars will be heavier than the blood of the martyrs.

Nahj al-Faṣāḥah, Saying #3222.

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Marḥūmīn Dedication

Please recite a Sūrah al-Fātiḥah for Marḥūmah Salma Kassam,
a wonderful mother and dedicated teacher of Islam.

Preface

Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ): Nurture and raise your children in the best way. Raise them with the love of the Prophets and the Ahl al-Bayt (ʿa).

Literature is an influential form of media that often shapes the thoughts and views of an entire generation. Therefore, in order to establish an Islamic foundation for future generations, there is a dire need for compelling Islamic literature. Over the past several years, this need has become increasingly prevalent throughout Islamic centers and schools everywhere. Due to the growing dissonance between parents, children, society, and the teachings of Islam and the Ahl al-Bayt (ʿa), this need has become even more pressing. Al-Kisa Foundation, along with its subsidiary, Kisa Kids Publications, was conceived in an effort to help bridge this gap with the guidance of ʿulamāʾ and the help of educators. We would like to make this a communal effort and platform. Therefore, we sincerely welcome constructive feedback and help in any capacity.

The goal of *My Allah Series* is to help children form a loving and positive relationship with their Creator and leave them wanting to know more about Allah. We hope that you and your children enjoy these books and use them as a means to achieve this goal, inshāʾAllāh.

We pray to Allah to give us the strength and tawfīq to perform our duties and responsibilities.

With Duʿās,
Nabi R. Mir (Abidi)

About the Board ʿĀlim

Moulana Nabi R. Mir (Abidi) is a scholar, an educator, a father, and an enthusiast for creating educational infrastructure and Islamic resources for the benefit of the global community. Always wanting to think outside the box by supporting the creation of innovative materials to engage young readers to pick up Islamic books, interact with Qurʾānic games, learn from the Steps to Perfection Curriculum and begin their life long journey of holistic education.

Being a dedicated student and graduate of Darse Khārij from Ḥawzah, Moulana Abidi knows the value of Islamic education. Also, growing up in India while now residing in the United States, he has had the honor to meet with various communities and community leaders, and values the importance of collaboration and working together to optimize potentials and to create open source platforms so information and resources are available and accessible to all.

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You, dear reader, are now part of the Al-Kisa family. Share the word, and join the mission.

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Parents' Corner

إِنَّ رَبِّي لَسَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ

Surely, my Lord hears supplication
(Sūrah Ibrāhīm, Verse 39)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

One of the reasons older children may struggle with prayer is because they do not truly understand the blessings of this gift. Therefore, it is vital for parents to instill this understanding in their children at an early age to help them develop their love for communicating with Allah.

Remind children that Allah, the All-Merciful, has created them and takes care of them. He has given us the beautiful gift of being able to talk to Him wherever we are and whenever we want! A good way to instill this love of communicating with Allah is by showing them how you, as parents, give priority to ṣalāh and duʿāʾ. When they see their parents yearning to talk to Allah, inshāʾAllāh they will be even more eager than you! In addition, providing your children with a nice ṣalāh kit (including an attractive sajjādah, perfume, tasbīḥ, and special prayer clothes) can also instill love and excitement for prayer.

This book encourages children to create a spiritual connection with the Almighty by introducing them to the concept and practice of duʿāʾ or supplication. InshāʾAllāh, this book will help strengthen the love your children already have for Allah and instill the desire to communicate with Him at all times.

With Duʿās,
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Let's begin with Bismillāh,* and look around, far and near.
Let's travel the world to see what languages we can hear!

In what language(s) do you speak to Allah?

***Pronunciation Guide:** ā is an elongated "a" sound, like "aa"*

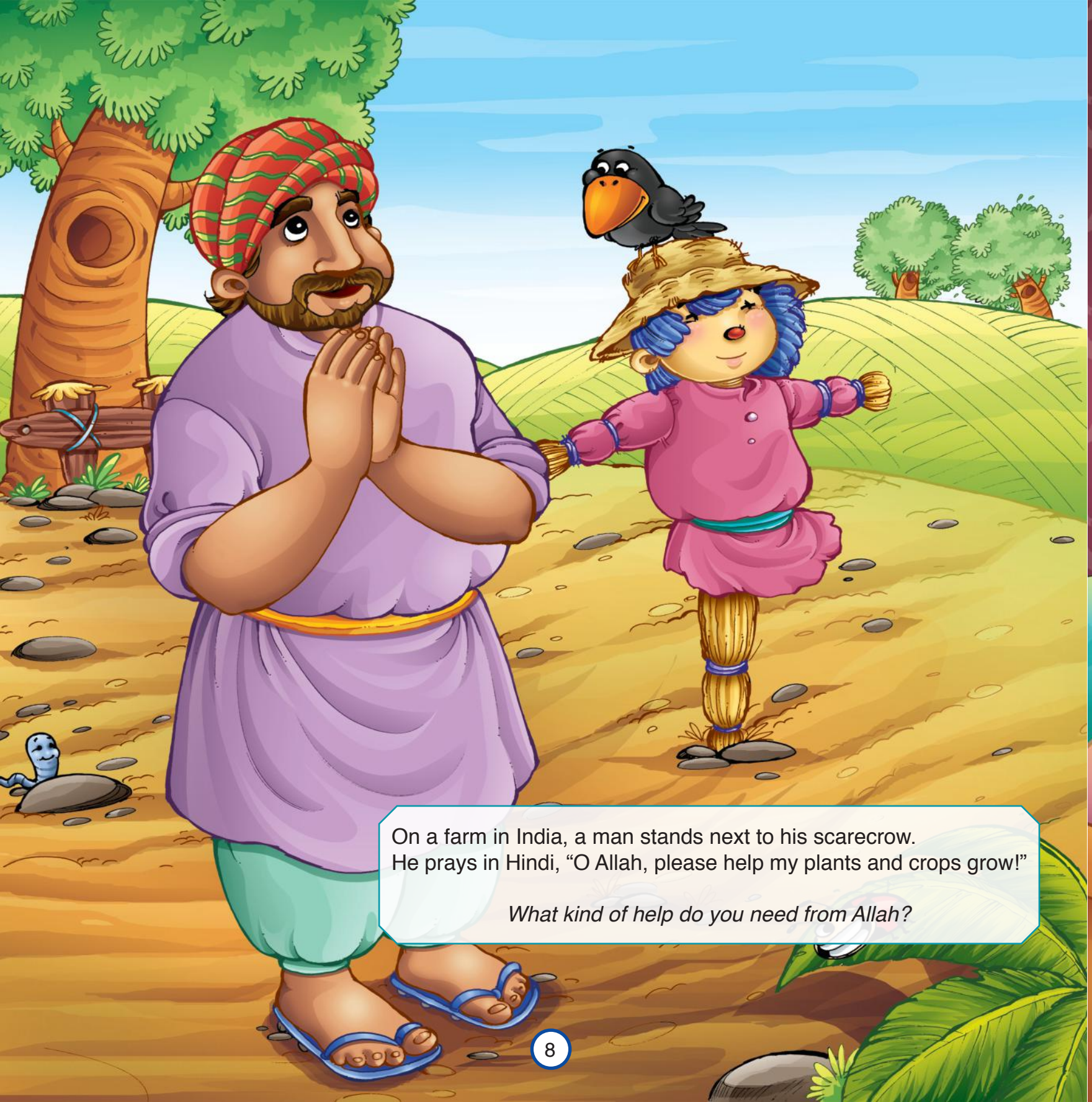
A mother in Turkey raises her hands.
In Turkish, she prays for peace in her land.
What are some things you pray to Allah for?

***Pronunciation Guide:**
ʿa comes from the middle of the throat; ā is an elongated "a" sound, like "aa"

In a jungle in Kenya, a man works hard under the trees.
He prays to Allah for help in his own language: Swahili!
Animals also make duʿāʾ.
What do you think the monkey is praying for?

A grandpa in America goes to buy some fish.
He happily prays and thanks Allah in English.

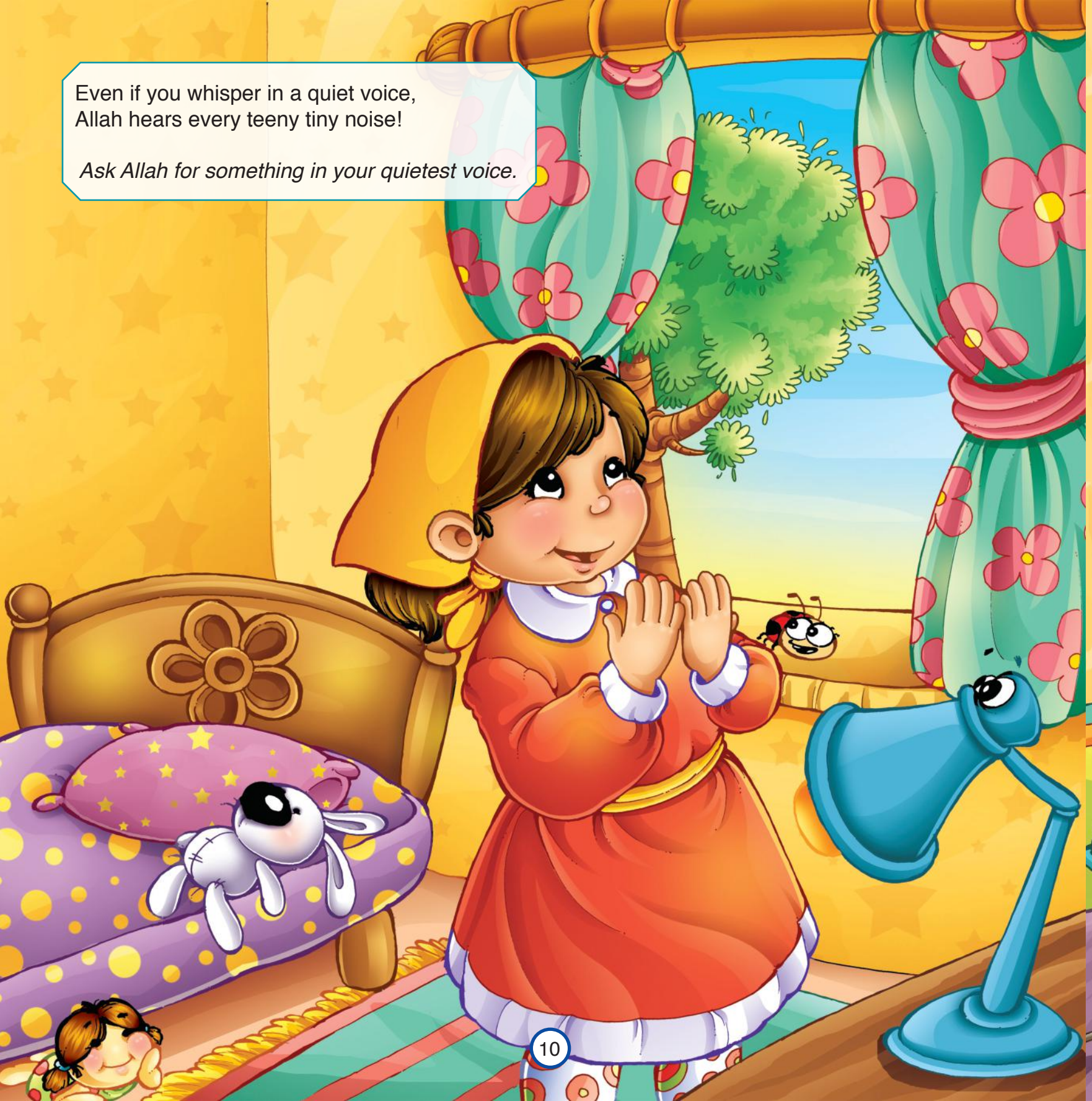
How do you thank Allah?



On a farm in India, a man stands next to his scarecrow.
He prays in Hindi, “O Allah, please help my plants and crops grow!”

What kind of help do you need from Allah?

You can speak to Allah in any language, you know! Allah understands you whether you speak fast or slow. Even when you head to bed at the end of a long day, you can always turn to Allah, and make duʿāʾ and pray.
What do you pray for before going to bed?


Even if you whisper in a quiet voice,
Allah hears every teeny tiny noise!
Ask Allah for something in your quietest voice.

You can write a long letter or a short, little note.
Allah will already know everything that you wrote!

Have you ever written a letter to Allah?

If you sit quietly on a swing,
Allah will still know exactly what you think.

So, you see, Allah is always listening carefully, to your prayers and mine.
So go ahead, talk to Him in any language, at any place, and at any time!

What will you say to Allah today?

Family Involvement!

From this story, your children learned how Allah listens to everyone. To emphasize the main objective of this book, please try to do the following:

- Reread *Allah Listens to Everyone* with your children. Young children crave repetition and become more familiar with a book the more they read it.
- Encourage your children to speak to Allah in any manner they choose: prayer, duʿāʾ, munājāt, writing letters, writing poems, drawing pictures, thinking out loud, in their minds – however they choose!
- When you are speaking to Allah, whether through duʿās or ṣalāh, make a point to say, "I'm talking to Allah right now." This will help them form a tangible connection.
- Show children that they can pray and make duʿāʾ ANYWHERE: at the park, at the zoo, or even when shopping.
- Make ṣalāh a special time: have special clothes, prayer rugs, tasbiḥs, and perfume for your children. Have the adhān recited and encourage your children to respond.
- Demonstrate that prayer is the most important time of the day by stopping what you are doing at the time of prayer. In doing so, you will help yourself and your children grasp the honor of being called to talk to our Creator, Allah!
- As your children become older, introduce them to various supplications composed by the Ahl al-Bayt (ʿa), and teach them how these special individuals "talked" to Allah.

Transliteration Chart

Arabic terms in this book have been transliterated according to the following guidelines*:

ء	a, i, or u (initial form)
ء	ʾ (medial or final form)
ا	a
ب	b
ت	t
ث	th
ج	j
ح	ḥ
خ	kh
د	d
ذ	dh
ر	r
ز	z
س	s
ش	sh
ص	ṣ
ض	ḍ
ط	ṭ
ظ	ẓ
ع	ʿ
غ	gh
ف	f
ق	q
ك	k
ل	l
م	m
ن	n
ه	h
و	w
ي	y

ـَ	a
ـِ	i
ـُ	u
ـّ	double letter
آ / ـَا / ىٰ	ā
ـِي	ī
ـُو	ū

*Please note that due to limitations, the transliteration is not 100% accurate in capturing tajwīd rules.

Glossary

(ṣ): Peace and blessings be upon Prophet Muḥammad and his family

(swt): All Glory belongs to God, the Glorified and Exalted

(ʿa): Peace and blessings be upon him/her

(ʿaj): May God hasten his reappearance

Adhān: The call to prayer

Ahl al-Bayt: Divinely appointed family members of Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ)

al-Fātiḥah: The first *sūrah* that is commonly recited and sent as a gift of prayer for the deceased

Alḥamdulillāh: All praise is for God

Allah: The Arabic term for God, a culmination of all His holy names and titles

Bismillāh: (I begin) In the name of God

Duʿāʾ: Supplication; a deep connection and communication between an individual and God

Imām: A divinely appointed leader, sometimes refers to a spiritual leader

Inshāʾ Allāh: God-willing

Marḥūmīn: Someone who has passed away

Munājāt: A confidential connection, communication with God

Qurʾān: The holy book of Muslims

Sajjādah: Prayer mat

Ṣalāh: Prayer

Tasbīḥ: Remembrance of God through His names and attributes with a defined number, traditionally done with beads

Tawfīq: Divine blessings from God that give one the opportunity and ability to thrive towards success

ʿUlamāʾ: Scholars

Can I really speak to Allah? Can I speak to Him in English? Do I call Him on the phone? What if I just think of something in my head? Will Allah know? Read *Allah Listens to Everyone* to find out some of the wonderful ways you can talk to Him. Some of them may surprise you!

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